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SUBJ: EXPORT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE MALAGASY GOVERNMENT

REF: STATE 146681

1. FOLLOWING ARE ALL PRODUCTS AND CATEGORIES OF PRODUCTS  
IN MADAGASCAR SUBJECT TO EXPORT RESTRICTIONS. NOMENCLATURE  
NUMBERS USED IN THIS REPORT ARE THOSE OF BNT (BRUSSELS  
NOMENCLATURE TARIFF).

### A. MINING, MINERALS PRODUCTS

(1) BEFANAMITE, BEHIERITE, BISMUTHO-TANTALITE,  
GRENDIDIERITE, HIBONITE, HAMBURGISTE, KORNERUPINE,  
ORTHOSE GEM, RHODIZITE. INCLUDED IN BNT 25 AND 26.

(A) EXPORT OF ABOVE MINERALS PROHIBITED.

(B) MARCH 1967.

(C) INDEFINITE

(D) TO PROTECT NON-RENEWABLE NATIONAL RESOURCES

(2) PETRIFIED WOOD, ARAGONITE, DOLOMIE, RHODONITE  
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AND ANY FOSSILS. ALSO INCLUDED IN BNT 25 AND 26.

(A) IN RAW STATE, EXPORT PROHIBITED. IF WORKED,  
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT REQUIRED.

(B) OCTOBER 1972.

(C) INDEFINITE.

(D) TO PROTECT NON-RENEWABLE NATIONAL RESOURCES;  
TO PROTECT OR ENCOURAGE INDUSTRIAL PROCESSING.

(3) CELESTITE. BNT 26

(A) EXPORT CONTROLLED BY THE STATE THROUGH MINING  
SERVICE.

(B) SEPTEMBER 1974

(C) INDEFINITE.

(D) TO PROTECT NON-RENEWABLE NATIONAL RESOURCE.

(4) GEM STONES (PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES).  
BNT 71.

(A) EXPORT CERTIFICATE (LICENSE) BY DIRECTORATE  
OF COMMERCE REQUIRED; EXPORT TAXES RAISED FROM 7PERCENT  
IN 1973 TO 10PERCENT IN 1975.

(B) 1973

(C) INDEFINITE.

(D) TO PROTECT NON-RENEWABLE NATIONAL RESOURCES,  
ENCOURAGE INDUSTRIAL PROCESSING, AND INCREASE  
EXPORT EARNINGS.

(5) EXPORT OF ALL OTHER MINERALS AND MINING ORES (RAW  
OR WORKED) REQUIRES APPROVAL (LICENSE) OF THE  
DIRECTORATE OF COMMERCE, COUNTERSIGNED BY THE  
DIRECTORATE OF MINES. DURATION INDEFINITE.  
EXPORT TAXES HAVE ALSO BEEN RAISED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) GRAPHITE. BNT 25-04-00. FROM 2PERCENT IN  
1973 TO \$0.015 PER KILO IN 1975.

(B) QUARTZ. BNT 25-06-00. FROM 2PERCENT IN 1973  
TO 10PERCENT IN 1975.

(C) GARHAT, INDUSTRIAL. BNT 25-13-01. FROM  
2PERCENT IN 1973 TO 10PERCENT IN 1975.

(D) MICA. BNT 25-26-00. FROM 4PERCENT IN 1973 TO  
10PERCENT IN 1975.

(E) CHROMITE. BNT 26-01-10. FROM 2PERCENT IN 1973  
TO 5PERCENT IN 1975.

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PURPOSE TO PROTECT NON-RENEWABLE NATIONAL RESOURCES,  
ENCOURAGE DOMESTIC PROCESSING AND INCREASE FISCAL RECEIPTS.

B. CATTLE AND MEAT

(1) BEEF CATTLE (LIVE). BNT 01-02

(A) EXPORTS FROM ALL POINTS EXCEPT FORT-  
DAUPHIN PROHIBITED. EXPORTS FROM FORT-  
DAUPHIN ARE LIMITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
GOVERNMENT-ESTABLISHED SEMI-ANNUAL QUOTAS.  
EXPORT TAXES RAISED FROM 7PERCENT IN 1973 TO 25PER-  
CENT IN 1975.

(B) 1973

(C) INDEFINITE.

(D) TO ENCOURAGE DOMESTIC PROCESSING AND  
INCREASE FISCAL RECEIPTS.

(2) PIGS (LIVE). BNT 01-03

(A) EXPORTS LIMITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERN-  
MENT-ESTABLISHED SEMI-ANNUAL QUOTAS (LICENSES).  
EXPORT TAXES RAISED FROM 6PERCENT  
IN 1973 TO 25PERCENT IN 1975.

(B) 1973

(C) INDEFINITE.

(D) ENCOURAGE DOMESTIC PROCESSING AND INCREASE  
FISCAL RECEIPTS.

(3) SHEEPS/GOATS (LIVE). BNT 01-04

(A) AUTHORIZATION BY THE STATE (LICENSES)  
REQUIRED. EXPORT TAXES RAISED FROM 7PERCENT IN  
1973 TO 25PERCENT IN 1975.

(B) 1973

(C) INDEFINITE.

(D) TO ENCOURAGE DOMESTIC PROCESSING AND  
INCREASE FISCAL RECEIPTS.

(4) MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS. BNT 16-02-09 THROUGH  
16-02-19.

(A) AUTHORIZATION BY THE DIRECTORATE OF  
COMMERCE (LICENSES) REQUIRED. EXPORT TAXES RAISED  
FROM 0.5PERCENT IN 1973 TO 2PERCENT IN 1975.  
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(B) 1973

(C) INDEFINITE.

(D) TO PROTECT NATIONAL RESOURCES.

#### C. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

(1) THE EXPORT OF ALL THE FOLLOWING COMMODITIES  
ARE CONTROLLED AND SUPERVISED BY GOVERNMENT  
COMMODITY CONTROL BOARDS. EXPORT CERTIFICATES  
OR LICENSES REQUIRED. REASON: TO MAINTAIN  
DOMESTIC SUPPLIES IN CASE OF SHORTAGES, TO  
STABILIZE DOMESTIC PRICES AND COMBAT INFLATION AND  
TO ALIGN EXPORT PRICES WITH WORLD MARKET PRICES.

(A) COFFEE. BNT 09-01-20/30. NO CHANGE IN  
EXPORT TAXES, I.E. \$0.076 PER KILO.

(B) CLOVES. BNT 09-07-02. EXPORT TAXES  
RAISED FROM \$0.428 PER KILO IN 1973  
TO \$0.55 PER KILO IN 1975. REASON:  
TO INCREASE FISCAL RECEIPTS.

(C) VANILLA. BNT 09-05-01. NO CHANGE  
IN EXPORT TAXES, I.E. 15PERCENT.

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(D) SUGAR. BNT 17-01-09/11. EXPORT  
TAXES RAISED FROM EXEMPT IN 1973 TO \$0.30 PER  
KILO IN JULY 1975 FOR ONE YEAR'S PRODUCTION  
(1975-76). REASON: TO INCREASE FISCAL RECEIPTS.

(E) PEANUTS, CASTOR SEEDS, PALM SEEDS,  
ETC. BNT 12-01-01 TO 12-01-90.  
EXPORT TAXES RAISED FORM 7PERCENT IN 1973  
TO 10PERCENT IN 1975 TO INCREASE FISCAL RECEIPTS.

(F) RICE, ORDINARY. BNT 10-06-14/21.  
EXPORT PROHIBITED SINCE 1973. DURATION INDEFINITE.  
PURPOSE TO MAINTAIN DOMESTIC SUPPLIES IN CASE OF  
SHORTAGES.

(2) THE EXPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING AGRICULTURAL  
COMMODITIES HAVE BEEN MONOPOLIZED SINCE LATE  
1973 BY A STATE TRADING COMPANY (SONACO-THE NATIONAL SOCIETY  
OF COMMERCE) TO MAINTAIN DOMESTIC SUPPLIES IN CASE  
OF SHORTAGES AND TO INCREASE THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTROL  
OF THE ECONOMY. DURATION PERMANENT:

(A) RICE, DE LUXE. BNT 10-06-13. EXPORT  
TAXES RAISED FROM EXEMPT IN 1973 TO 2PERCENT IN 1975.

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(3) RAW TOBACCO. BNT 24-01-01. EXPORT  
CONTROLLED BY THE MALAGASY OFFICE OF TOBACCO.  
EXPORT TAXES RAISED FROM 13PERCENT (NOT APPLIED) IN  
1973 TO 13PERCENT (APPLIED) IN 1975 TO INCREASE

FISCAL RECEIPTS.

(4) EXPORT DUTIES ON THE FOLLOWING AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AND PRODUCTS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN RAISED TO INCREASE FISCAL RECEIPTS.

(A) SISAL. BNT 57-04-01. FROM 2PERCENT (NOT APPLIED) IN 1973 TO 10PERCENT IN 1975.

(B) CASHEW NUTS. BNT 08-01-21. FROM EXEMPT IN 1973 TO 2PERCENT IN 1975.

(C) CLOVE OIL. BNT 33-01-41. FROM \$0.168 PER KILO IN 1973 TO \$.30 PER KILO IN 1975.

(D) YLANG YLANG OIL. BNT 33-01-34. FROM 7PERCENT IN 1973 TO 10PERCENT IN 1975.

(E) TUNG OIL, PALM OILS, ETC. INCLUDED BETWEEN BNT 15-07-02 AND 15-07-30. FROM 2PERCENT IN 1973 TO 7PERCENT IN 1975.

D. SEA FISH, FRESH OR FROZEN (EXCLUDING SHELL-FISH)

EXPORT TAXES RASIED FROM 0.5PERCENT IN 1973 TO 2PERCENT IN 1975 TO INCREASE FISCAL RECEIPTS.

E. FOREST PRODUCTS, PLANTS, WILD ANIMALS

(1) ROSEWOOD (BOIS DE ROSE). BNT 44-03-90. EXPORT PROHIBITED TO MAINTAIN DOMESTIC SUPPLIES.

(2) OTHER FOREST PRODUCTS. BNT 44-03-75 TO 44-05-10 (EXCLUDING 44-03-90 ABOVE):

(A) EXPORTS ARE SUBJECT TO PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE DIRECTORATE OF WATERS AND FORESTS (CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE). EXPORT TAXES RAISED FROM NIL IN 1973 TO 25-30PERCENT IN 1975.

(B) 1974

(C) INDEFINITE  
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(D) TO PROTECT NATIONAL RESOURCES AND INCREASE FISCAL RECEIPTS.

(3) PLANTS, ESPECIALLY ORCHIDS. BNT 06-01-00--06-02-00.

(A) EXPORTS ARE SUBJECT TO PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE DIRECTORATE OF WATERS AND FORESTS. ON CERTAIN NUMBER OF ORCHIDS, A 10,000 FMG (\$50) EXPORT TAX IS LEVIED FOR EACH PLANT.

(B) 1962

(C) INDEFINITE.

(D) TO PROTECT NATIONAL RESOURCES.

(4) WILD ANIMALS INCLUDING LEMURS, MARINE MAMMALS, VIVERRIDAE, REPTILES, BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES.

(A) EXPORTS SUBJECT TO PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE DIRECTORATE OF WATERS AND FORESTS. HIGH EXPORT TAXES LEVIED ON THESE ITEMS.

(B) 1962

(C) INDEFINITE.

(D) TO PROTECT NON-RENEWABLE NATIONAL RESOURCES.

2. COMMENT ON EFFECT ON TRADE:

ALTHOUGH EXPORT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY MALAGASY GOVERNMENT ARE EXTENSIVE, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, STATE MONOPOLY CONTROLS, AND EXPORT TAXES, IT IS EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT EFFECT OF RESTRICTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE SO FAR HAS BEEN SLIGHT OR NEGLIGIBLE. ADVERSE EFFECT ON U.S. TRADE VIRTUALLY NIL.  
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